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AMENDMENT TO #9: PLANNING FOR AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

It is important for Los Angeles County to maximize the opportunity afforded by H.R.1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The implementation of this legislation will occur throughout the next few months. The use of ARRA funding must be thoughtfully and comprehensively planned to identify the populations most in need of this temporary assistance; and to effectively serve those who are most likely to be stabilized after the program concludes.

There are a number of target populations that L.A County will serve through ARRA funding, including but not limited to: CalWORKs participants; General Relief participants; individuals and families who don't otherwise qualify for public assistance; transition-aged youth; veterans, seniors and the homeless.

Furthermore, there are various ARRA funding allocations appropriated to L.A. County, including but not limited to: HUD funding for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing; Workforce Investment Act funding for employment training needs; TANF Contingency funds for subsidized employment of CalWORKs participants; Community Services Block grant for social services to low-income individuals; F-MAP increases for County in-patient health care services to the uninsured indigent; F-MAP increases for County mental health services; F-MAP increases for the In-Home Supportive Services Program; F-MAP increases for Title IV-E foster care maintenance and adoption assistance payments and, as yet, unspecified appropriations for food stamps and Medi-Cal.

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While the federal government has not yet issued the guidelines for all of the types of ARRA funding, ARRA planning is concurrently taking place within each of the County's cluster configurations. However, the planning appears to be focused on ARRA funding categories rather than on ARRA-eligible target populations. A more comprehensive planning approach focusing on the various needs of an ARRA-eligible individual or family is needed in order to ensure that:

- (1) ARRA funds are maximized and expended in the the most cost-effective manner;
- (2) The greatest number of people are served in accordance with the purpose of ARRA;
- (3) ARRA services are integrated, streamlined and not duplicated; and
- (4) Fraudulent uses of ARRA funding are reduced or prevented.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back in 14 days on:

- (1) The development of a comprehensive matrix that identifies the **full menu** of ARRA-funded services available to each eligible target population, which will enable effective strategic planning for the most appropriate services to an ARRA-eligible individual of family;
- (2) The projected outcomes for each ARRA-eligible target population, in accordance with the federal guidelines for the use of ARRA funds; and
- (3) A specific plan for comprehensive data tracking to identify, reduce or prevent fraudulent uses of ARRA funding.

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